

but it appears that for that deadly
relied entirely upon others whose
observations upon details of their kind
have since proved to be so little to
be depended upon I feel now quite
satisfied that *Burmannaia* should
in the series of *Monoclyleas* be
removed from the vicinity of *Brechidan*
and placed next to *Laccosa* if not
united with them in one *Order*.

Yours very sincerely and
affectionately
George Beathan

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London
May 27 1883

My dear Gray

Your most welcome letter
of the 15th inst. reached me last night
enclosing draft for £62.13.3 for
the genera *Planterum* sent you
including £5.0.11 for his Joseph
Hooker which I have sent to him.

I did not expect you to send the
money till you had actually the books
in your possession and had collected
at least the principal part of the proceeds
at the same time this very prompt
payment is most acceptable for the

charges paid on this last part have
been unusually heavy. Again
therefore I have most cordially to
thank you for the assistance you
have so kindly given us throughout

for the last two or three months
I have been getting very thin and weak
with but very little appetite and
have now been obliged to give up all
thoughts of any further botanical
work.

A new part of the Annals or
Journal of the Botanical Society
Gardens (published at Leyden) has just
come to hand in which is a paper of

Treb's in which he shows that in two
species at least of *Purmannia* what has
of late been generally considered as an
epiblemmous, apparently, homogeneous
embryo is in fact an albumen enclosing
a minute one- or two-celled embryo. I
wish this had been sooner made
known as if Treb's observations are
correct it would remove *Purmannia*
from the vicinity of *Orchidea* with which
they have otherwise but very little affinity
and place them next to *Lacca* with
which I had formerly associated them
until lately persuaded me that the
seed was similar to that of *Orchidea*.